

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 under the heading “CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS” as shown below:

This is a Continuation application of U.S. Patent Application S/N 10/758,117 filed January 16, 2004, now U.S. Patent No. 7,010,589, which is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application S/N 09/375,471 filed August 16, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,711,613, which is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application S/N 08/685,436 filed July 23, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,949,974. The contents of U.S. Patent No. 7,010,589 and U.S. Patent No. 5,949,974 ~~the contents of which~~ are hereby incorporated by reference ~~in its entirety~~.